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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED RESTRICTIONS ON CONSULATE GENERAL

REF: (A) TEL AVIV 1809; (B) JERUSALEM 0720

1. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT EMBASSY TEL AVIV/CONGEN
JERUSALEM (REFTELS) IN OPPOSING ISRAELI RESTRICTIONS
ON CONSULATE GENERAL JERUSALEM'S ACTIVITIES ON WEST
BANK (REFTEL A).

2. WE BELIEVE GOI MOVE WOULD DRAW SHARP NEGATIVE
REACTION FROM JORDAN, WHICH, RABAT CONFERENCE WITH-
STANDING, STILL BELIEVES IT HAS JURIDICAL SOVEREIGNTY
OVER WEST BANK AS WELL AS RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONTINUING TO PAY FOR
SOME 6000 CIVIL SERVANTS IN WEST BANK. FULL REPRESENTATION
BY CONSULATES FROM JERUSALEM FOR WEST BANK WE
BELIEVE SERVES IMPORTANT U.S. POLICY OBJECTIVE
OF CLEARLY DEMONSTRATING OUR RECOGNITION OF
SEPARATE STATUS OF WEST BANK VIS-A-VIS STATE OF
ISRAEL.

3. GOI SUGGESTION PARA 7 REFTTEL B THAT USG CONTACTS
WITH WEST BANK OFFICIALS BE BY EMBASSY TEL AVIV

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THROUGH GOI FONMIN RATHER THAN FROM CONGEN

JERUSALEM DIRECTLY IMPLIES DEGREE OF CONTROL AND
MONITORING BY GOI OF USG ACCESS TO WEST BANK THAT
WOULD, AS CONGEN INDICATES, NOT CONTRIBUTE TO OUR OWN
ABILITY TO INFORM OURSELVES INDEPENDENTLY ABOUT CONDITIONS
IN AREA -- AN IMPORTANT U.S. RESPONSIBILITY AT THIS STAGE OF
MIDEAST NEGOTIATIONS. CONGEN JERUSALEM'S INDEPENDENT
ACTIVITIES HAVE PROVIDED INVALUABLE AND PROBABLY INDIS-
PENSABLE STORE OF REPORTING ON THAT SITUATION WHICH
CURRENT GOI ACTIVITIES WOULD NOW APPEAR EXPRESSLY
DESIGNED TO CURTAIL.
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